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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

Mr. President and Members of the Columbia Historical Society:

During the year 1920, the Columbia Historical Society held nine meetings, all in the Assembly Hall of the Cosmos Club, with an average attendance of about eighty persons. During the same period, the Board of Managers also held nine meetings, with an average attendance of eight members, at which the business affairs of the Society were administered. Thirty-six new members were admitted during the year, while the resignations and deaths numbered twenty-five (sixteen of the former and 9 of the latter), leaving a net gain of but eleven members. These figures are not so encouraging as last year's in view of the need of additional income to meet the greatly increased cost of publication of the annual volumes, and to insure their regular publication, upon which so much of the success of the Society depends.

Volume 22, covering the year 1918, was, through no fault of the Publication Committee, delayed in 1919, and made its appearance in March, 1920. Vol. 23, covering the year 1919, is now in press, and will be one of the most interesting volumes issued by the Society, containing over 250 pages of valuable as well as entertaining material.

Ten papers, covering a wide range of subjects, were read before the Society in 1920, and two illustrated lectures given, which proved popular; at the last meeting of the year, an innovation was introduced, in serving light refreshments, which proved most popular of all.

In January, the Society passed a Resolution endorsing the

movement to re-erect the statue of Lincoln, formerly in front of the Court House, on the site of Fort Stevens where President Lincoln once stood during Early's attack on the National Capital in July, 1864.

In November, a Resolution on the death of Dr. James Dudley Morgan, a former President of this Society, was passed, and a memorial paper read by Mr. Charles Moore. By the will of Dr. Morgan, the Society received its first bequest, a legacy of \$500.00, which has been added to the "Reserve Fund."

In closing, the Secretary would like to suggest, in view of the fact that the dues of the Society have never been raised, that each member endeavor to secure at least one new member during the coming year. A doubled income would bring the hope for more suitable quarters for our valuable historical library nearer realization.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUD BURR MORRIS,
Recording Secretary.

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